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MR. CLUTCH:
Keith McLeod sinks
game-winning shot in
60-58 win; **PAGE 8**

Students to taste Bronx life over break

By Jennifer Bracken
THE BG NEWS

Sixteen University students will plunge into an unspeakable journey over Spring Break.

These students are a part of the Social Work 470 class and will be traveling to the South Bronx. There they will engage in everyday affairs of those who are less fortunate than most.

These students, along with instructor Bill Thompson, facilitator Brian Rose and student intern Katie Aschmeier will travel to New York City on March 8.

The group is staying in a house owned by St. Peter's Lutheran Church. There, they will be surrounded by uncomfortable and crowded conditions. The church is located in a poor Latino/African American neighborhood.

This past October an informal interview process was conducted for students interested in the trip.

"The idea behind the interview process was to create a diverse group of people coming from different majors, ethnicities, academic standing, and understanding of social issues," Rose said.

"The trip is an opportunity to have exposure to the inner city culture, problems, and organizations who are actively combating the problems in their community," Rose added. "It also challenges their comfort zones by being immersed in a community that is primary people of color."

Junior Colette Neirouz is among the 16 chosen for the trip. Neirouz is a journalism major who would ultimately like to focus on social consciousness. She feels very passionate about her involvement with the trip and its purpose.

"This has always been something that I've felt strongly about, because in order to actually understand the problems and disadvantages of society, we need to step outside our comfort zones and get a clearer picture," Neirouz said. "When myself and the other participants go on the trip we'll be able to see and experience first hand some of the real social injustice in the world."

The agenda includes interacting with the organization Mothers on the Move (MOM).

"MOM is a grassroots organization based in Mott Haven of the South Bronx and organized around issues of the community that those who live in the area determine to be problems," Rose said. "They engage in protest, press conferences and direct actions such as taking over the offices of the Board of Education until their demands are met."

In addition to MOM they will be participating in a local after-school program, a visit to the first mosque established by Malcolm X, and relations with 20 inmates of the Sing Sing prison. They will also have many opportunities to meet people and talk about their story and life, according to Rose.

"The social problems may not be affecting us directly, so it's easy to remain apathetic and ignorant," Neirouz said. "Ironically though, many of these social justices that are in the Bronx are here in Bowling Green or our small hometowns, just in a smaller picture."

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Food court to open after break

Check inside for a photo page of the food court operations. **PAGE 3.**

By Karishma Anik
THE BG NEWS

When students come back from Spring Break, they will find a pleasant surprise in the Student Union. The food court will be partially opened on Monday, March 18.

"We will have a combination of national brands and concepts,

such as Steak Escape, Pretzel Logic, Sara Lee, Orville and Wilbur Wings Just Right, and Casa Ortega Products," said Ed O'Donnell, the director of Dining Services.

Freshens will be a food court restaurant that will carry the Pretzel Logic shop and will also sell smoothies.

There will also be a restaurant in the Union which sells Mexican food, called Ama Grande.

"Ama Grande will sell national

brand, authentic Mexican food utilizing Casa Ortega products," O'Donnell said.

In addition, there will be an area which sells traditional cafeteria foods such as casseroles and grilled sandwiches.

There will also be a restaurant called Fusions located in the Union food court as well.

"Fusions will have salad and desert displays, as well as area entrees," O'Donnell said.

A restaurant called Soup Du

Jour will also be opening up in the Union selling fresh, homemade soups daily.

Many students are eagerly anticipating the opening of the food court and the many restaurants which they will be able to eat from.

"I'm really excited about all the new restaurant and menu choices that I will have to choose from now," said senior biology major Kevin Thorbahn. "I think it will be really great for students to be

able to eat such a variety of foods."

"I'll probably run up a huge bill on my bursar account buying all the new food," said sophomore Ryan Ernsthausen.

On March 18, Steak Escape, Freshens, the traditional cafeteria area, and Soup Du Jour will open.

Orville and Wilbur Wings Just Right and Sara Lee will be open on March 26. On March 28, Ama Grande will be opening.

"It's dividing up the student vote. It would be difficult for a student to represent a 3rd Ward where there's such a population of permanent residents."

SARAH TOMASHEFSKI, 1ST WARD REPRESENTATIVE

City ward change could reduce student influence

By Craig Gifford
THE BG NEWS

Monday the Bowling Green City Council voted 5-2 in favor of a new ward redistricting proposal.

The city is currently divided up into four voting wards, with each ward counting for 25 percent of the vote. About 45 percent of the population lives in Ward One and 12 percent in Ward Three, but each count the same amount.

In March of 1995 two students felt that the ward setup was unconstitutional and asked Rodney Fleming, who is representing the case for the students, to file a lawsuit against the city. According to the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, there should be one vote per person. A federal court ruled in 1996 that the ward system was unconstitutional and Bowling Green had to make a decision. City residents voted in November to stick with the ward system, but to have it redistricted. City council has since been working on a redistricting plan.

Within the new proposal, Ward Three would be extended down Mercer from Clough Street to Mercer Avenue and into campus, taking up Harshman, Kreischer and Conklin, all of which are currently part of Ward One. Furthermore, everything south of Clough Street that is currently in Ward One will be switched to Ward Two.

These changes are being made to the four-ward districting system in order to have more equal representation for each ward. Under the proposed ward system, Ward One would have 7,155 people, Ward Three would have 7,488, Ward Two would have 7,432 and Ward Four, 7,561.

"We wanted a deviation of no more than 10 percent. That was our goal," said Stan Bortel, the

Ward Four representative, who drew up the new proposal.

Under this proposed plan, 84 percent of the Bowling Green population is going to remain in the ward it is currently in.

However, there is some concern that by breaking up the campus and leaving part of it in Ward One, while putting another part in Ward Three will hurt the chances of a student having a seat on city council.

According to Sarah Tomashefski, first ward representative and University graduate student, there has been a University student representing Ward One on council for the past 10 years. She said the campus should be kept together in order to maintain that seat.

"It's dividing up the student vote," she said. "It would be difficult for a student to represent a 3rd Ward where there's such a population of permanent residents."

Tomashefski's concern is that the population of permanent resident voters would outweigh the numbers of student voters in Wards One, Two and Three, leading to zero student representation on city council.

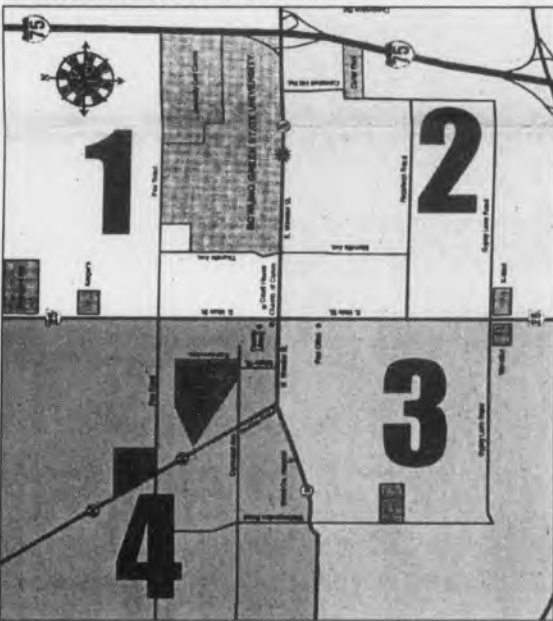
However, according to Bortel, if students exercise their right to vote, having less representation in the wards should not be a concern. If all students voted they could likely have three of the four ward representatives filled by students.

"If they choose not to go out and vote, you can't blame the way the wards are drawn," he said. "This gives them a greater voice if they choose to vote."

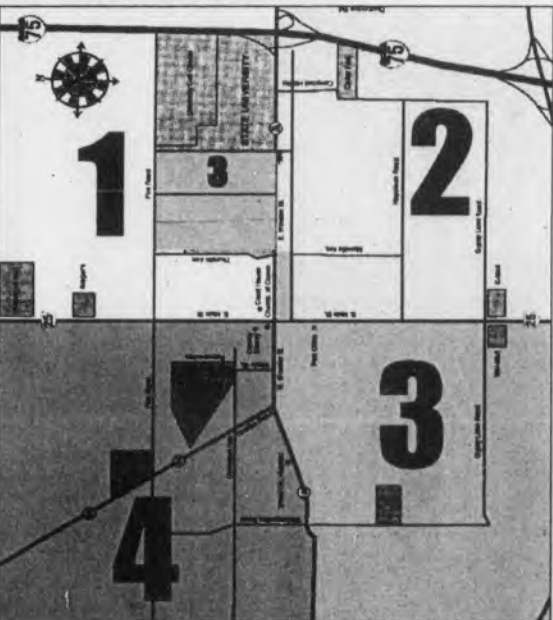
Historically, most University students do not take part in Bowling Green elections. Voter turnout among the college student population was in the hundreds for November's election and the presidential election in

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CURRENT WARD SYSTEM



PROPOSED WARD SYSTEM



Local owner follows family tradition

The Myles family
runs businesses and
molds young work-
ers.

By Jordan Fouts
THE BG NEWS

Chip Myles' family didn't find what they were looking for when they came to Bowling Green 40 years ago — not that they mind.

Intending to settle into a quiet 8-to-5 life after running a grocery store 16 years, they soon found themselves spending long weeks selling countless bouquets and wine bottles, pizzas past midnight and sundaes even on Sunday.

"My dad couldn't believe all the opportunities out here," Myles explained. "He got going and didn't quit." The family owns and operates Dairy Queen, The Rack, a pizza pub and a flower

shop on the east end of town.

Eleven years old when his family moved to BG, Myles began working odd jobs like remodeling, mowing lawns, moving furniture and painting. "I found out exactly what I didn't want to do," he said, leading him to go into business with his parents when he was old enough.

Besides their enterprises, Myles inherited from his parents a fourth-generation family name, Meredith. His grand-

mother also christened him "Chip" the day he was born, which he has answered to ever since.

His father Meredith, a teacher, and mother Twila, both 75, have been in business altogether about 55 years. They started in BG with a floral shop at the corner of Main and Clay streets that came with a building they purchased.

"My folks are the type that if they saw something, they did it,"

the younger Myles said. "They'd never been florists before, but that was OK. They learned."

They moved the shop to its East Wooster Street location when space opened there, later opening the businesses they run now.

Other ventures of theirs that didn't last as long include clothing and record shops, a pizza and pasta restaurant and a packaging

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Tomashefski, Ng oppose ward change

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2000.

This fact can't be taken into account when drawing up the wards, according to Bortel.

"The court order is you have a right to vote," he said. "I can't divide something up based on who votes and who doesn't vote."

Besides the fact that the campus would be divided under the proposed ward system, Tomashefski said she is also concerned about students who live in a residence hall in Ward Three, such as Harshman, during an election year, then move to a residence hall in Ward One, such as Founders, the next year.

"I think it could add a lot of confusion to the process," she said.

The proposal still has to go

through a hearing and then three votes. The hearing will take place during the first council meeting in April. There is still a chance that the ward districting could be changed again and if Tomashefski has her way, it would be to keep the campus in the same ward. She and Pat Ng, the other council member to vote against the current proposal, will work to come up with a different plan.

She said University students can do their part by attending the city council meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month or by e-mailing the mayor's office.

"Now it's very important for students to express their opinions on this," she said. "This is something that's going to have a very large effect on them and they need to speak up against it."

After move, bookstore will have more variety

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bookstore location will not increase prices and will maintain competitive pricing with off-campus bookstores.

Nelson said he wants to reach out beyond customer service by relating to customers as people and looking for ways to serve them beyond the sale. He also hopes to create a student-centered environment, but also consider the needs of faculty and staff.

"We also hope to look internally at the systems and track sales," Nelson said.

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Bronx trip 'stark contrast' to Bowling Green life

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This is a reality Rose hopes the students will discover from this experience.

"We hope students will take what they've learned and bring it back to their own communities and Bowling Green will ever experience that it will have a profound effect on the future shape of their worldview and understanding of themselves," Rose said.

This particular trip has been taking place for 15 years. Rose has been a participant for three of those previous years.

"In many ways it is in such a stark contrast to what most students at Bowling Green will ever experience that it will have a profound effect on the future shape of their worldview and understanding of themselves," Rose said.

In addition to participating on the trip students are required to write two reflection papers, one before the trip and one after, make five contributions to their listproc, and make group presentations.

"This of course isn't a 'normal' Spring Break trip, no sun and beach, it's something so much more important, it's reality," Neirouz said.

Worker: Myles 'almost like a dad'

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plant. They've had so many, Twila noted, it's an effort to remember them all.

"You name it, we've done it," she said. Twila still runs the flower shop six days a week, and her son works both restaurants while his wife Bridget takes care of accounting and payrolls.

"It's a family business; I still like to stress that," Myles said.

He considers all their stores equally successful, but he said mild winters have made the past five years the best of Dairy Queen's three decades in town. Ice cream sales even increase in winter, he noted, doubling last December and January.

But he primarily credits the success and longevity of his family's shops to their fair approach toward employees and customers.

"I was brought up by two parents with very strong beliefs and morals on how to treat people," he said. "It's not possible to please 100 percent of the population. But I think we still try, or we wouldn't be enjoying business as we do now."

"I like to think our standards are above normal," he continued. "There's nothing wrong with making money, but if you make money to the point where you're hurting people and destroying lives, that's as wrong as you can get."

Myles' parents strive for good

relations with the 200 to 300 people they hire every year, teaching them the same work ethics they practice themselves. They receive much dedication and loyalty in return.

"Chip being such a great boss is what's kept me here as long as I have been," said Allen Williams, who began at Dairy Queen six years ago. "He gives you advice, he's always there to talk to when you need something ... he's almost like a dad."

Myles said he continually finds himself impressed by the quality of his employees. He recalled certain diligent managers, swift, brave waiters, and friendly, popular bartenders, considering them responsible for the pizza pub's success. "When you go through thousands of people, you think you've come across just about everything," he said.

He said some of those workers went on to begin successful ventures of their own.

"One of the most rewarding things is people who come back and thank me," he added. "They say, 'You taught me to work, to have values.'"

Like his father, Myles said he has no plans to quit. Though he finds 80-hour work weeks wearing him out a bit quicker than before, retiring isn't something he considers.

"I'll quit, I guess, when I can't get up and work anymore."

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If you sleep in a cold room, you are more likely to have a bad dream.

BGSU Students' Spring Break Alternatives

- Volunteer Work at a Mission
- Get Rest and Relaxation
- Be a Camp Counselor
- Go on a Camping Trip
- Habitat for Humanity
- Visit Relatives
- Golf Vacation
- Work a Job
- Ski Trip

We want you to know the many Alternative Spring Break activities that students are doing this year!

Many students go places and do things that are unrelated to alcohol and partying.

We interviewed a group of random students, and these are some of the results that we received!

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Spring Break

Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Operating Hours

Carnation Café

Friday, March 8
Saturday - Sunday, March 9-10
Monday - Friday, March 11-15
Saturday, March 16
Sunday, March 17

7 am - 3 pm
11 am - 3 pm
7 am - 3 pm
7 am - 3 pm
7 am - 11 pm

ZZ's Pizza Shop

Friday, March 8
Saturday - Sunday, March 9-10
Monday - Friday, March 11-15
Saturday, March 16
Sunday, March 17

11 am - 3 pm
Closed
11 am - 3 pm
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
11:30 am - 3 am

Black Swamp Pub

Friday, March 8
Saturday - Friday, March 9-15
Saturday, March 16
Sunday, March 17

5 pm - 11 pm
No Food (Free Popcorn)
Closed
11:30 am - 1 pm
Lunch Special Only
11:30 am - 1 pm
3 pm - Midnight
Normal Menu

Bowling Greenery Restaurant

Friday, March 8
Saturday - Sunday, March 9-10
Monday - Friday, March 11-15
Saturday - Sunday, March 16-17

11:30am - 2 pm
Closed
11:30 am - 2 pm
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Dining Services Operating Hours

Commons Dining Center
Founders Keepers Food Court
Kreischer Sundial Food Court
McDonald Dining Center

Closed
7pm Thursday, March 7
2pm Friday, March 8
2pm Friday, March 8
7pm Friday, March 8

Open
7:30am Monday, March 18
Noon Sunday, March 17
Noon Sunday, March 17

Silver River Café
Towers Inn Restaurant

8:30pm Thursday, March 7
7pm Thursday, March 7

5pm Monday, March 18
5pm Monday, March 18

Founders Keepers Snack Bar
Galley
GT Deli
Kreischer Shadows
Chilly's Express Convenience Store
GT Express Convenience Store

Midnight Thursday, March 7
2pm Friday, March 8
11pm Thursday, March 7
Midnight Thursday, March 7
2pm Friday, March 8
2pm Friday, March 8

7pm Sunday, March 17
7:30am Monday, March 18
4:30pm Sunday, March 17
7pm Sunday, March 17
Noon Sunday, March 17
Noon Sunday, March 17

Dance
Students rate for Council

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Wallace Kimple BG News

FOOD COURT: The food court at the Bowen-Thompson Student Union is nearly complete. The opening of the majority of it is scheduled for the Monday after Spring Break, March 18. The counter tops for the area were delayed in arriving to the University, which caused the opening date to be pushed back, but they have arrived and are now in place.

A LOOK INSIDE: THE NEW UNION FOOD COURT

The court, scheduled to open right after break, offers variety for students

Wallace Kimple BG News

VARIETY: Pretzel Logic (below) and Steak Escape (below right) are two of a handful of new places that will be opening up within the food court. Steak Escape and Wendy's will be the only chain restaurants in the Union. A Mexican place will also be included in the food court. The final finishing touches are currently being added to the food court, including some final electric wiring (right). The entire food court will be open within the week after Spring Break.



QUOTE UNQUOTE

"I don't know how I did it. I just lifted. It didn't feel that heavy. I really think it was adrenaline."

Donna Stilwell, who at 5 feet 2 inches and 110 pounds lifted the family van, which had fallen on her husband while he was working underneath it

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OPINION

Tips to having a fun Spring Break

Spring Break is finally upon us. Some students are going home, while some lucky students are going to tropical locations to enjoy their vacation in the sun. Whatever you end up doing this next week, have fun and be safe.

If you're not going anywhere, don't feel bad. We are half way through the semester and everyone is stressed and burned out. This week is a great opportunity to relax and forget about home-

YOU DECIDE

Are you staying home or going away for Spring Break?

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work, books and tests. Catch up on sleep and recharge your body and your mind.

If you are going somewhere sunny and hot, there are some

things you should keep in mind. First, wear sunscreen. Yes, it's been a while since it has been hot in Ohio, and you may have forgotten what sunscreen is, but if you don't use it, you'll be sorry. Even if you have been going tanning for the last five months, the sun reflecting off the ocean is really strong and it will burn you. You will be in pain the whole week and you will have put yourself at risk for skin cancer. Plus, when you come back, you will be

red and peeling and that is not very attractive.

Also, keep track of all your friends. People tend to get wild when they get drunk and may go home with people they don't even know. Just make sure that when you get back on the plane to come home, you have everyone that you left with.

Stay away from guys with cameras. Unless you want to be on the next "Girls Gone Wild" video, we recommend that you

keep away from anyone who can show America exactly what you did on your Spring Break.

And, while hooking up may be your No. 1 goal on your vacation, be careful. Use protection every time. We don't want March to become STD month. You may not know the people you are sleeping with and you don't know everyone he or she has been with. You don't want to come back home with a disease. Most STDs are incurable and

AIDs will kill you.

Obviously everyone wants to have fun during Spring Break. Have fun, but don't be stupid. Many college students get hurt, raped or even killed during their crazy, drunken Spring Break trips. You are not invincible. You are human. Too much alcohol and bad judgement could kill you. You want to come back from your break in one piece so you can brag to everyone about what a great time you had.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

All students should receive same benefits

In your article "Grad students try for union" in the March 5 issue, there are several issues listed with the graduate students health plan. One important issue however was not mentioned. Under the current plan, graduate students who are in heterosexual relationships are allowed to pay extra to have their partners enrolled. Gay or lesbian relationships, however, are not recognized. One of BGSU's core values, "Respect for one another," in my mind, calls for the equal and fair treatment of ALL BGSU students. Subtleties in policy, such as the one mentioned

here, however, show discrepancies in what is aspired for and what is practiced.

The reason most often quoted for such differential treatment is that the Ohio State Law does not protect sexual orientation under its human rights law. The mission of educational institutions, in my opinion, is to pave the way for societal change. Historically, colleges and universities have played an instrumental role in challenging racism, sexism, etc. If the role of institutions of higher education was to wait for the law to change first, not much would have changed in our society in the past five decades.

As a university, we aspire for our students to practice ethical leadership, but perhaps this goal cannot be fully accomplished if we do not practice this ourselves. As an international graduate stu-

dent from Canada, I am aware that many Canadian (and even some U.S.) schools have rejected group policies from health insurance companies that do not offer benefits to same sex partners. Perhaps BGSU needs to think of this option as well.

The purpose of my article is not to point fingers or to lay blame, but to bring an important issue to the discussion table. While this policy may only effect a few students, the point is to create equal opportunities for everyone. It takes courage and determination to create positive social change. The leaders of this university are both courageous and determined.

AMIT TANEJA
FIRST YEAR, COLLEGE STUDENT
PERSONNEL PROGRAM

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What are you doing for Spring Break?



LISA TAYLOR
FRESHMAN
"Partying at the University of Dayton."



VANESSA GUBSER
FRESHMAN
"Going to UD and working a lot."



BRENDA YAMA "MAMA"
FRESHMAN
"I'm here visting BG and I'm going to UD, too."



NORA BEUCK-ERB
SOPHOMORE
"I'm going to Disney World, the happiest place on earth."

Worst Spring Break locations



ANDY SHOTWELL
Bitter and Grizzled

This article is dedicated to all of my faithful readers who stuck around for their Friday classes before leaving for Spring Break. Both of you should be very proud of your resilience and work ethic (suckers). As far as I can tell, college students do the exact same thing on Spring Break as they do every other week of the year. They chase the opposite sex like hormone-crazed goobers and get drunk (smashed, tanked, sloshed, John Rockered, Webster Slaughtered, James Thrashed, slurrained, or Blitzkrieged, depending on your vernacular). The only real differences are that everyone is wearing a lot less clothing and that you never have to see these people again after the week has ended (oh, and there's usually a beach or something).

No. 1: Bowling Green, Ohio (although I heard Bowling Green, Kentucky sucks too)

Yes, my friends, what you're feeling now is called sympathy. While most of my friends are down on the sunny fresh beaches of Florida trying to (how do I say this delicately) "merge assets" with beautiful co-eds (hey, my business classes did pay off), I'll be here in Bowling Green, working. The only thing that will keep me sane is the fact that my roommate, Howard, will be miserable with me. Feel very very sorry for us.

No. 2: The Middle East
Thinking of a worse Spring Break spot than BG is hard work, but I think I've done it. String bikinis and thongs are replaced with veils and bloodshed. If someone asks you what you're doing on Spring Break, tell her you're going to Palestine, and then take a snapshot of her reaction. Yes my friends, no place on earth offers the unmatchable tranquility of a leisurely stroll through Palestine (except maybe a weekend getaway in Northern Ireland).

No. 3: Nebraska
Although a thriving metropolis of excitement compared to Bowling Green, I have a feeling that Nebraska would be a crappy place to be next week. In fact, I'm going to go ahead and recommend that you avoid the entire Midwest, specifically the Bible Belt. In a place like this, you may actually be penalized for your hedonistic, self-destructive behavior, and we don't want that.

No. 4: Jail
Unfortunately, some of you may get to experience this hot Spring Break spot. My advice to you is to stay calm and be polite, they're gentler with the baton that way. Hopefully at some point during the night one of your buddies will realize that you're not there and bail you out. Look on the bright side, you could be stuck in a jail in the Middle East getting stoned for looking at some girl's ankle (OK, I concede that the last line may have been a stereotype).

No. 5: LaGrange, Ohio
This was a late addition to the list. My hottie female roommate just informed me that she will be spending the entire Spring Break week recovering from the violent pulling of her five wisdom teeth in beautiful LaGrange, Ohio. The "city" has one bar. Did that sink in? One bar. The patrons park their horses out front and drink moonshine out of old pickle jars. I told her to remain optimistic. After getting all of her wisdom teeth pulled at the same time, I assume she will get some heavy narcotics to ease the pain. I am, of course, not referring to the pain of her wisdom teeth, but the pain of being forced to spend an entire week in LaGrange.

Okay, I'm done not being funny. It's a good thing that nobody is reading this. You're all out preparing to have more fun than me for an entire week. Well enjoy yourselves, my friends. At risk of sounding like your mother, be careful and don't do anything too stupid. I define "too stupid" as anything that can get you killed. So no matter how funny the Drunken Biathlon sounds at the time, combining keg racing with seeing how far out into the ocean you can swim is not a good idea. Drink a beer for me in my honor, have a blast, come back safe, and don't tell me ANY of your stories.



HAVE A GOOD SPRING BREAK!

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THE ANSWER IS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Being a contestant on "Jeopardy" is a dream for many people. For Kevin Scott, an Ohio State University political science graduate student, that lifelong dream has been fulfilled. Scott made his "Jeopardy" debut as a four-day winner, appearing from Feb. 27 through Monday. He won more than \$44,000 and a trip for two to Mexico.

DM makes final preparations

by Marie Chiche
THE BG NEWS

With only 15 days until Dance Marathon, the 2002 Dance Marathon Steering Committee is staying optimistic.

According to David Humphrey, the morale director, the fundraising appears to be very successful this year, even with the bad economy.

"As far as we know, we are doing good," Humphrey said. He added that the different organizations involved were out every day, organizing numerous fundraisers.

The Public Relations Student Society of America is one of the organizations involved in Dance Marathon. It is currently having a raffle with gift certificates for Kroger and the Solarium.

"It's going good," said Melissa Kimbler, a member of PRSSA about the fundraiser. "People are always very responsive and generous when it concerns Dance Marathon."

She added that PRSSA raised more money this year than last

year, but this could be explained by the organization growth this year and the experience gained from last year.

"The more you do it, the better you get at it," Kimbler said.

Dance Marathon is growing every year, with about 70 organizations involved this year, compared to around 55 last year.

"This year, we'll have about 400 dancers," Humphrey said.

Humphrey added that efforts had been made to add more entertainment for this year's Dance Marathon. University President Sidney Ribeau is also scheduled to address the crowd at the end of the event.

In order to create more awareness and excitement around Dance Marathon, a theme will be established for each day during the week before Dance Marathon.

Monday's theme will be D, for dress. People are encouraged to wear their dance Marathon T-shirts or items during that day.

Tuesday will be A, for aware-

ness. Members of the Dance Marathon will be around campus on that day to educate students and the community about the children disabilities or diseases.

Wednesday will be N, for nickels. A table in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union will be set for people to bring their change and give it to Dance Marathon.

Thursday will be C, for candles. A candle walk will be organized in the evening.

"Dancers, moralers and members of the community will walk around campus for all the children we have danced for, especially the one who died," Humphrey said.

Friday's theme will be E, for eat. A spaghetti dinner, open to the entire Bowling Green community, will be organized.

According to Humphrey, dancers are especially encouraged to be there to pack up some energy before the beginning of Dance Marathon on Saturday.

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CRACKS FOUND IN REACTOR HEAD NOZZLES

OAK HARBOR, Ohio (AP) — An inspection at the Davis-Besse nuclear plant found cracks in five reactor head nozzles, forcing the plant operator to make repairs. The cracks, found during ultrasonic tests this week, don't pose a safety threat, according to plant operators and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



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WHERE THE HEART IS: An older home, left, sits across from a new home in Cleveland's Hough neighborhood. Hough has experienced a revitalization in the last decade.

STATE

New money revives Cleveland's Hough

By Joe Milicia
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — The city's Hough neighborhood once boasted Millionaires' Row, a line-up of mansions that included the homes of wealthy industrialists.

The mansions were torn down after housing began deteriorating during the Depression, then an influx of lower-income families arrived and conditions worsened. The low point was the Hough race riots of 1966 that killed four.

Today, Hough is an awkward contrast of its past wealth and poverty.

The 50-block neighborhood of

16,000 people is located between downtown and University Circle, the city's hub of hospitals and universities.

It still has many boarded-up houses and dilapidated dwellings. Men still loiter outside carryout liquor stores, drinking out of bottles covered by brown paper bags.

But Hough has been revitalized in the last decade as black professionals returned and built upscale homes.

Practically every city in the United States has its Houghs, said David Rusk, an author on urban policy, but Cleveland's stands apart.

"I haven't seen anything like the upscale homes in Hough repeated anywhere else," said Rusk, who has written about Cleveland's neighborhoods and other metropolitan areas.

But Rusk and Tom Bier, director of Cleveland State University's housing research program, aren't ready to call Hough a national model for how revitalize a poverty-stricken neighborhood.

"It's at an early stage. If it peters out in a couple years, I wouldn't call it a success," Bier said.

"I think it is going to continue. It has a life of its own already. There is a great deal of vacant land there and it's in an excellent

location."

The area has made strides with more than 200 new housing starts in the 1990s, compared to just a handful in the previous decade, Bier said.

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Nude motorcyclists upset county



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ROAD RASH: Visitors to Eddie Colosimo's six acre property, from left, William "Gator" Mathis, Milt, Susie Q, B.J. and Tazz warm themselves by a fire on a chilly Monday in Samsula, Fla.

By Mike Schneider
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAMSULA, Fla. — Eddie and Suzy Colosimo have house guests this week, and many of them are choosing not to wear clothes.

That has the Florida couple butting heads with the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, which has ordered visitors at the nude biker camp to leave.

The guests, about 50 of them, were drawn to the Colosimos' six-acre property by a sign on the fence that reads "Private party, nudity" and by an ad for a "camping party" in Florida Bikers Digest that promoted "adult bike games."

The "party" coincides with Daytona Beach's annual Bike

Week, which is expected to draw about 500,000 motorcyclists before it ends Sunday.

The county has issued a cease-and-desist order against the Colosimos, who could be fined \$1,000 a day or arrested if they don't comply.

"The question isn't whether they're a nudie camp; it's a land-use issue," said county spokesman Dave Byron.

Two dozen tents and campers are parked in a pasture in front of the Colosimos' house. A large campfire burns in a pit. Motorcycles are parked all over the grounds.

The visitors, Eddie Colosimo said, are friends or friends of friends.

Undergrad student RAs vote for union

By Adam Gorlick
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMHERST, Mass. — In what is believed to be a first for undergraduate students, resident assistants at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst have voted to form a union.

The residents, who supervise dormitory residents and activities, say they should be paid more for essentially working round the clock.

They receive a \$5,000 compensation package equal to the cost of a room and a cash stipend. The students say the cost of their rooms is deducted from their salary, leaving them with a \$50 paycheck each week.

"They don't recognize what we put into the job and they don't compensate us well," said Pat Colvario, a 22-year-old senior who's been a resident

assistant for five semesters.

Tuesday's vote by the 360 resident assistants makes them members of the United Auto Workers Local 2322, which also represents university graduate students and research assistants.

School administrators had refused to recognize the assistants as eligible for collective bargaining, saying they are primarily students rather than employees. The university says resident assistants

"They don't recognize what we put into the job and they don't compensate us well."

PAT COLVARIO, SENIOR

are not expected to work more than 20 hours a week.

The Massachusetts Labor Relations Commission ruled in January that the assistants had the right to vote on union representation.

F. Javier Cevallos, vice chancellor for student affairs and campus life, said the administration would meet "to consider its options and how to proceed."

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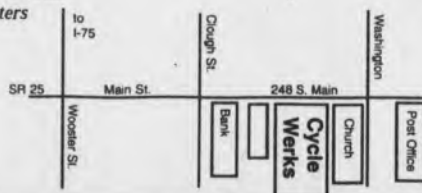
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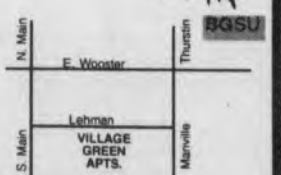
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Falcon golfers to travel to Florida

The men's golf team will travel to Ocala, Fla. for the Big Red Classic March 9 to 10.

This will be the Falcons first match in 2002. The last time they saw action was October 22 to 23 when they hosted the BGSU John Piper Intercollegiate Tournament. The Falcons placed first in that tournament.

Baseball struggles early in season

By Joel Hammond
THE BG NEWS

Perhaps the worst part of being a Bowling Green athlete is unexpected weather that throws off the start of a season, causing inconsistent play and an inability to get games in. The golf teams have experienced it, as have the outdoor track, tennis and softball teams. And now, it seems as though Danny Schmitz's baseball team has a bit of the bug as well.

After having last week's series against Dayton canceled due to rain, and having that three-game series reschedule to one game yesterday, the Falcon sluggers lost to the Flyers, 7-4, at UD's Stuart Field.

"We've been indoors for 10 days," said BG coach Danny Schmitz. "We got done what we wanted to do, which was get nine pitchers in. Seven of the nine pitched very well, so that is a plus. They are continuing to get the hitters off-rhythm. It's just hard to get a flow after all that time indoors."

BG (1-6), which hadn't played since Feb. 24, allowed the Flyers (3-2) to jump out to a big lead, as the hosts led 7-0 going into the eighth. Dayton scored runs in the first two innings, as both Shawn Bolinger and Rory Thornton each drove in runs.

Thornton also has a two-RBI double later in the game, and he went 2-2 with 3 RBI for the game.

Flyer Zach Fox delivered a two-run double in the sixth, and scored on an Andy

Boehmer double to cap the Dayton scoring. The Falcons would tally four runs in the eighth, but would get no closer. Falcon junior smacked a three-run home run, but Dayton closer Aaron Pahs closed the BG door for the save.

Spring Break plans

Unless your idea of having a relaxing, stress-free Spring Break entails 10 baseball games in 11 days and trips to Kentucky and Tennessee, you probably don't envy the BG baseball team's position.

"This trip will be good for us to get some reps in," Schmitz said. "We struck out nine times against Dayton, so hopefully more reps and more games outdoors will help us get that timing down."

The Falcons face that exact predicament, starting with a doubleheader tomorrow against Murray State in Murray, Ky. Murray State has opened the season at 2-8, with its most recent result coming Wednesday at the hands of Arkansas State. The Thoroughbreds are in the midst of a 12-game homestand.

"They look like they have and the same type of start we have had," Schmitz said. "They're 2-8, and we just need to go down there and put all three phases together: defense, pitching and hitting. Our big bats need to get going; granted, we've been indoors and haven't been able to get outside much, but when they get going, that'll be a huge help for us."

Hot Falcon starts

Kelly Hunt now has a team-leading three home runs and 11 RBIs on the season, after hitting 14 long balls and tallying 49 RBI a year ago. Corey Loomis leads the team with a .360 average (through Feb. 25), after he hit .369 last year.

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McLeod does it again

By Nick Hurm and Erik Cassano
THE BG NEWS

CLEVELAND — Keith McLeod saves the Falcons with a game-winning shot in the final seconds. Just another day at the office for the Bowling Green basketball team.

But this time it clinched a berth in MAC Tournament semifinals.

McLeod hit a fall-away 3-pointer from the right wing with six seconds left to give the Falcons a 60-58 win at the Gund Arena last night. It was McLeod's eighth game-winner of the season and sets up a rematch with Ball State in the semifinals tonight. The Cardinals defeated Miami 62-50 earlier in the day.

"I'm happy to survive this one and move on," BG coach Dan Dakich said. "McLeod has been doing that all season. Keith's job is to make the game winner."

It is BG's first quarterfinal win since beating the Zips in 1999.

"It's a tough situation to be in," Akron coach Dan Hipsher said of McLeod's shot. "That's why he's the MVP of the league. I voted for him."

The game held a lot of parallels to the Falcons' first meeting with the Zips on Jan. 23, an 87-86 overtime loss. Just like then, BG (23-7) wasted a sizable half-time lead and let Akron (10-21) stay in the game. BG watched as a 10-point halftime lead withered away under the heat of Akron guards Rashon Brown and Darryl Peterson.

After BG's lead reached a high-water mark of 12 at 32-20 at the start of the second half, the Zips began to chew away. A 3-pointer by Brown pulled Akron to 34-27 with just over 14 minutes left. A three by Peterson pulled the Zips to 39-36 at the ten-minute mark.

Akron took the lead with 2:53 left in the game on a lay-up by Brown. BG and Akron started a one-up game as the lead changed hands three times from that point until McLeod's game-winner.

In the first half, McLeod's 18 points paced BG as it ran to a 30-20 halftime lead. The first five minutes were sluggish for both teams, however. Ice-cold shooting and turnovers put a lock on both offenses and BG had a scant 5-2 lead five minutes into the game. Akron didn't score its first points until a lay-up by Rashon Brown five minutes in.

An NBA-range 3-pointer by



Associated Press Photos

CONGRATULATIONS: (Above) Keith McLeod, left, is congratulated by teammate Kevin Netter, right, after Bowling Green beat Akron 60-58. (Below) Brandon Pardon (32) drives toward the basket in the second half.

McLeod seemed to spark the BG offense to life with just under 14 minutes left in the half. The Falcons went on a 15-4 run in the middle part of the half to pull out to a 23-11 lead. BG held most of that margin for the remainder of the half.

Early in the game, BG had the support of a large, vocal crowd that comprised at least half of the attendance for the MAC quarterfinal nightcap. It completely neutralized the geographical advantage Akron had playing a tournament game about 30 miles from home.

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Tennis coach pleased with improvement

By Zach Baker
THE BG NEWS

Sometimes the score of a match doesn't tell you the whole story. While the women's tennis team dropped its match on the road last Saturday to the Cincinnati Bearcats 7-0, the match was actually much closer than it appeared.

"If you look at the scores of the individual matches, they were actually very close," said Falcons coach Penny Dean. "One or two points would have turned the match around." The team won the first doubles point, with senior Devon Bissinger and freshman Susan Schoenberger achieving a victory over Cincinnati's Jen Capuzzi and Khushchehr Italia. Schoenberger, who lost a close singles match to Italia (6-

3, 6-4), felt good about the way the team played.

"I think the team did very well," Bissinger said. "We went in very confident and the matches were close. We were all pretty pleased."

The 1-6 Falcons are improving, according to their coach. Dean has been especially happy with the play of Bissinger, who, as a captain and the lone senior on the team, has become a strong leader for the younger players. Dean believes she is playing her best tennis in the final months.

"In the last few years she has had so many injuries," Dean said. "Now she is fired up and playing very well."

BG's next matches will be tomorrow against Ohio State and Drake in Columbus. On

Tuesday the team begins its spring trip, traveling to Newport Beach, California to face Colorado State. The team will also play Cal State Northridge and UC Riverside while in California. Dean believes that there are several benefits to the trip.

"This will give us an opportunity to get used to playing outside," Dean said. "It is more difficult to change from playing indoors to outdoors than the other way around."

The trip will also provide the advantage of a bonding experience for the Falcons. Schoenberger believes this will be very important.

"It will be nice to get away with the team," Schoenberger said. "We will be able to work on our weaknesses and also get to be together as a team."

Reds keeping eye on Kearns

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SARASOTA, Fla. — If Austin Kearns doesn't win the Cincinnati Reds' right field job over two more experienced players, he likely will open the season at Triple-A Louisville.

But he might not be there for long, given the speed at which fellow top prospect Adam Dunn rose through the minors to play for the Reds last year.

Reds manager Bob Boone said he would be comfortable promoting the 21-year-old Kearns this spring.

"He's a guy you could bring up to the big leagues and he'd learn. We could do a lot worse," Boone said.

The organization wants to give Kearns plenty of playing time, no matter where he is, Boone said.

"He's not going to sit anywhere," he said. "It will be like Dunn last year."

Kearns is competing with Juan Encarnacion and Ruben Mateo to start in right field. Dunn is the starter in left field.

Kearns and Dunn both started last season with the Reds' Double-A Chattanooga Lookouts. But Kearns fell behind when a torn thumb ligament ended his season in May. Dunn, meanwhile, pressed on.

Dunn hit .334 with 32 homers and 84 RBIs in 94 games with Chattanooga and Louisville. He was promoted July 20 and hit .262 with 19 homers and 43 RBIs in 66 games for the Reds.

Dunn set a National League record by hitting 12 homers in August, the most homers by a rookie in any month.

After his recovery, Kearns attracted the Reds' attention with a strong season in the Arizona Fall league. He led the league in on-base percentage (.460).

Icers head to MSU for tourney

The Falcons will face off against Michigan State for the first time ever in the first-round of the CCHA Tourney.

By Erica Gambaccini
THE BG NEWS

It's the beginning of March and with that comes tournament time, not just for basketball, but also hockey.

Bowling Green has been underestimated all season long, and now that tournament time is upon us the icers get ready to show off their skills.

They will take one No. 2 seed Michigan State this weekend, March 8 to 10, in the first round of the CCHA Tournament in a best-of-three series at Munn Ice Arena in East Lansing, Mich.

The Falcons finished the season in the No. 11 seed (second to last) after losing their last two games to Notre Dame (4-3, 4-1).

"When you finish where we did, you're always going to be playing a good team, but they split this weekend so they're not invincible," said BG head coach Buddy Powers.

The Spartans lost their first game to Ferris State (3-2), which finished the season in the ninth seed, and came back Saturday to shut out the Bulldogs 2-0.

The Falcons would like to use this setback to their advantage. However, the last time these two teams faced off Michigan State swept the series after being swept themselves the week before by Nebraska-Omaha (No. 5 seed).

"When we played them we caught them right after they had been swept and they were tentative Friday," Powers said. "We got 3 goals. That's a lot, but they got 6. On Saturday they put a clinic on, they beat us 4-0. We had few scoring opportunities."

BG might have had few scoring opportunities last time, but the Falcons have changed since November, the last time they met the Spartans.

"I think they're dangerous team," said MSU head coach Ron Mason. "In the past few years they've showed in the playoffs that they are a good team. They're the most dangerous team we can play. They have great goaltending in (Tyler) Masters, they have a defense that can put up some numbers and dangerous forwards, especially (Greg) Day."

Day currently leads the Falcons in playoff scoring, compiling seven points in nine games over the past three years. He also extended his current point streak to five games Saturday as he received an assist on BG's only goal at Notre Dame.

Playoff History

The Falcons are the only team in CCHA playoff history to have a winning road record (16-13-2). They have won the last two seasons on the road in the first-round of the CCHA Tournament and have won seven of eight first-round series in the last 10 years.

Five of the Falcons first-round wins have come against teams of a higher seed.

Michigan, Western Michigan, Lake Superior State and Miami are a few of the teams BG has defeated in first-round action.

However, the Spartans have fared just as well as the Falcons, winning five straight CCHA first-round series sweeps. The last time MSU lost during the playoffs at Munn was in 1996 when Ferris State defeated them in the first-round.

This will be the first time BG and MSU have faced off in the first round of the Tournament.

Game time is set for 7:05 p.m. all three nights.



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GOING IN: Freshman Ryan Wetterberg charges toward the net. He scored a goal against MSU in November as BG lost both games.

Mason up for challenging Falcons

By Dan Nied
THE BG NEWS

Spartan green and white.

Those are Ron Mason's current colors of Ron Mason's greatness.

But underneath that silver haired exterior, that perfectly groomed mustache and those piercing eyes and perfectly pressed green suit is a coat of orange on top of brown. A hint that his roots were watered in Bowling Green. A reminder that Michigan State plucked Mason from the Falcons in 1979 to rebuild their program.

Think it worked? Mason took the Spartans from struggling program to hockey titan. Now Michigan State is arguably the most feared and respected team in college hockey.

As for Bowling Green, the Falcons have hit hard times in

recent years and their reputation has transformed from fearful to fruitless in the span of half a decade.

This weekend the teams meet in East Lansing in an extremely urgent CCHA playoff series for both teams. But the importance of this best-of-three series goes beyond season implications. Mason will step down after this season to take over as MSU's Athletic Director, while the Falcons are flailing like a fish out of water, needing the upset of a lifetime to salvage an otherwise dismal season.

"I think everyone knows it's David versus Goliath," said Falcon coach Buddy Powers. "Still, on any given night..."

And believe it or not, when Mason was the coach here, Bowling Green would have

played the giant and Michigan State the schlep with a slingshot.

Mason said Monday over the phone that leaving Bowling Green for Michigan State in 1979 was one of the harder decisions he's had to make.

"It was hard to leave Bowling Green for Michigan State," Mason said. "We were winning at Bowling Green and Michigan State was struggling. That was in the growth part of the Bowling Green program and that is a fun time as a coach to see programs grow. The enthusiasm of the players were second to none."

It seems the fortunes of the CCHA tips to whatever side Mason occupies.

Of course, what other way would it go. While the coach at Lake Superior State in the late 1960s Mason and a groups of

coaches, which included then-Bowling-Green coach Jack Vivian, helped started the CCHA to get away from NAIA competition. Since then Mason has guided all three teams to overwhelming success in the CCHA. Consider that Mason's .652 winning percentage at Michigan State, which includes two non-CCHA seasons, is the worst winning percentage he's had at any of the three teams he's coached. In his six seasons with the Falcons Mason's 160-63-6 record was good for a .712 winning percentage while in seven seasons with Lake Superior he had a .728 winning percentage.

Typical numbers for a man who helped start the most powerful conference in college hockey and built tradition at two schools.

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Ball State overcomes Miami

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — Theron Smith took over in the second half, scoring 19 of his 29 points last night to lead Ball State to a 62-50 quarterfinal win over Miami of Ohio in the Mid-American Conference tournament.

Smith added 11 rebounds and Patrick Jackson had 12 points for the Cardinals (20-10), the MAC's West Division champion who earlier this season upset Kansas and UCLA on consecutive nights in Hawaii.

Ball State, the tourney's second seed, will play either 11th-seeded Akron or third-seeded Bowling Green in Friday's second semifinal.

In the other semifinal, top seed Kent State will play fourth-seeded Toledo.

Alex Shorts had 17 points to lead seventh-seeded Miami (13-18), which had made it to the semifinals 10 straight years and had been in the past five MAC title games.

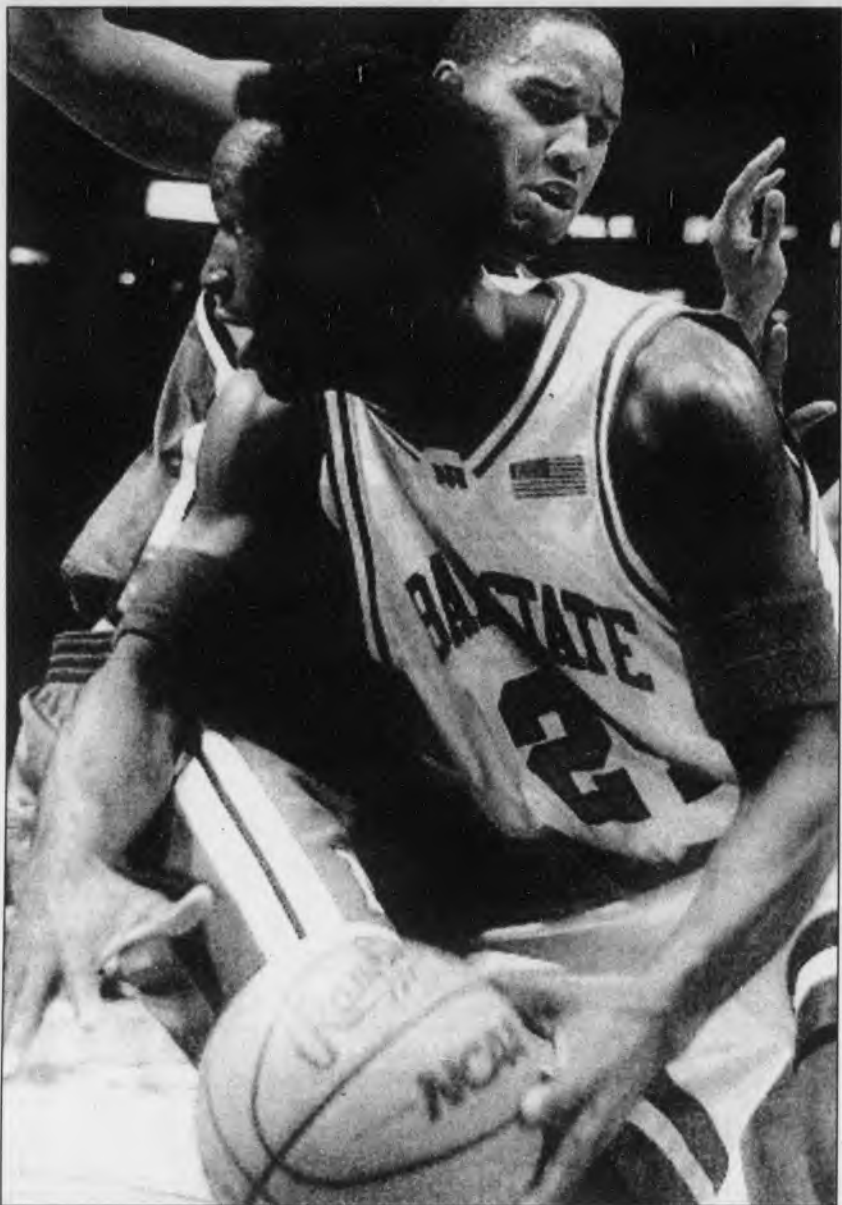
Coach Charlie Coles will now have to wait until next season to get his 200th career win. Coles is 199-162.

The RedHawks shot just 39 percent from the floor, and scored six points in the final 6:59.

Ball State was able to handle Miami's pressure defense and the Cardinals took care of the ball, making just two turnovers.

Smith, who averaged 19.6 points per game this season, hit a 3-pointer with 10:22 left to give the Cardinals a 40-35 lead. The 6-foot-8 junior then converted a three-point play and scored on an alley-oop dunk as Ball State pushed its lead to 49-42 with 7:17 remaining.

Billy Lynch's 3-pointer increased Ball State's advantage to 54-44 with 5:20 to go, and Miami was unable to get within 10 the rest of the way as the RedHawks' shots clanged off the rim.



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LOOKING FOR A MOVE: Ball State's Theron Smith, front, drives toward the basket against Miami's Eugene Seals, back, in the first half of the Mid-American Conference quarterfinals.

Smith, a first-team all-MAC selection this season, finished 9-of-15 from the floor.

Shorts was dismissed by Coles earlier this season after

continually butting heads with his coach. He missed one game — a 16-point loss to Ball State — before being reinstated to the team.

Shorts scored 10 of Miami's final 12 points in the first half to help the RedHawks tie it 22-all at halftime.

Browns sign Ryan Tucker

By Tom Withers
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — After upgrading their defense in free agency, the Cleveland Browns finally addressed a suspect offensive line yesterday by signing Ryan Tucker to a four-year contract.

Tucker, who played right tackle for St. Louis last season, should help a Browns offense which ranked last in the NFL in rushing in 2001 and has undergone an off-season reshuffling.

The Browns recently released offensive tackle Roman Oben and guard Jeremy McInney was taken by the Houston Texans in the expansion draft. In addition, Ross Verba is moving from left guard to left tackle.

"Ryan is smart, athletic, versatile and aggressive," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations. "He can play guard and tackle, but we project him at right tackle. We are committed to running the ball more effectively and acquiring Ryan will go a long way in helping us achieve that goal."

Earlier this week, the Browns signed free agent defensive end Kenard Lang and safety Robert Griffith to long-term deals.

The 6-foot-5, 305-pound Tucker was released last week by the Rams, who drafted him in 1997 (fourth round) out of Texas Christian. He started in 31 of St. Louis' last 32 games.

"I'm looking forward to playing for a high-energy guy like (Browns coach) Butch Davis who has been successful every place he's been," Tucker said. "I like where the Cleveland Browns are heading."

Meanwhile, the Browns said

they were pleased with the way talks went with free agent wide receiver Cris Carter.

"We had very productive discussions," said team spokesman Todd Stewart. "We remain very interested in Cris."

It's unclear if the St. Louis Rams are as high on Carter anymore.

Carter came to Cleveland on Tuesday night for a visit and when talks with the Browns progressed Wednesday, the 16-year veteran called the Rams and told them he would be late for his visit.

But St. Louis told Carter not to bother coming.

"He supposedly got tied up in Cleveland," said an annoyed Rams coach Mike Martz. "So we'll just move on. We had a lot of things set up, and a lot of people made plans for this visit. It's been set for a week."

Martz said three Rams coaches and four players, including quarterback Kurt Warner, had arranged their schedules for Carter's visit. Warner was scheduled to have dinner with Carter.

"Maybe in another week or so we'll revisit this," said Martz, a stickler for promptness. "It's just not how we do things. I think it's more the agent than it is Cris. We wish him well in his endeavors and we'll move on from here."

Carter's slight could benefit the Browns, who would love to add him to their roster. Carter, who starred at Ohio State, has also visited Miami.

Another free agent who had visited the Browns, linebacker Kailee Wong, agreed Thursday to a four-year, \$12 million contract with the Houston Texans.

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Hurricanes defeat Penguins, 3-1

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PITTSBURGH — Ron Francis scored twice in the third period as the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-1 last night for their fourth consecutive victory.

Sami Kapanen assisted on all three Carolina goals as the Hurricanes improved to 2-0-2 against Pittsburgh this season.

Francis broke a 1-1 tie at 6:01 of the third when he redirected

Kapanen's shot through Johan Hedberg's legs just as a power play ended.

Francis got his second of the game and 21st of the season at 13:25, scoring off Kapanen's pass as he skated through the slot. Francis has eight points in five games.

After a scoreless first period, Jan Hrdina scored on a Pittsburgh power play at 3:29 of the second. Hrdina converted Randy Robitaille's pass on a

2-on-1.

Carolina's Jeff O'Neill tied it on a power play at 9:59. He one-timed Kapanen's pass from the top of the left circle.

Penguins forward Martin Straka left the game in the first period with an injury to his right ankle. Straka appeared to catch his skate in the ice and hobbled to the bench with 6:21 left in the first.

The Penguins said he was held out as a precaution and

will be evaluated today. Straka broke his lower right leg in a game on Oct. 27 and missed 47 games over four months.

He returned on Feb. 27 but lasted only 63 seconds. He sustained a broken orbital bone when he was struck in the face by Hedberg's goalie stick. He missed four more games before coming back from that injury yesterday.

Notes:

Francis has scored at least

20 goals in 18 of his 20 NHL seasons. He had 15 last year. ... Hurricanes G Kevin Weekes, acquired from Tampa Bay on Tuesday, faced some shots after yesterday's morning skate. He is not expected to dress for a game until Monday. ... Penguins F Milan Kraft has no goals in 14 games. ... The Penguins failed to score on a two-man advantage for 1:05 in the first period.

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BASEBALL, FROM PAGE 8

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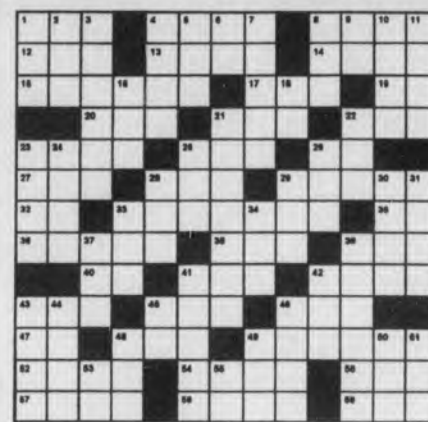
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PIZZA

1 Make tatting
2 Winglike
3 Of the mind
4 Small island
5 Digit
6 Elevated railway
7 Try on
8 Covered truck
9 Mr. Kaline
10 Certain
11 Spit out
16 Obtain
18 Enter
21 Charming

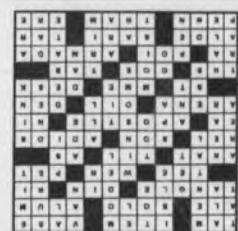
22 23rd Greek letter
23 Place
24 At
25 Also
26 Lemon drink
28 Mineral spring
29 Total
30 Dollar bills
31 Basin
33 Picnic pest
34 Fasten
37 Direction (abbr.)
39 Argue
41 Wet
42 Beaver construction
43 Snare
44 Strong
45 Finish
46 Prune
48 Writing implement
49 S. hemisphere constellation
50 Women's group (abbr.)
51 Verb
53 Location
55 Southern state (abbr.)

ACROSS

1 Scottish cap
4 Newspaper article
8 Flower holder
12 Brew
13 Singing alone
14 Double sulfate
15 Snarl
17 Noisy
19 Smallest state (abbr.)
20 Golf implement
21 Cyst
22 Family dog
23 School course (abbr.)
25 Sesame plant
26 Arsenic symbol
27 Electric unit
28 Father's boy
29 Goodbye (Spanish)
32 Each (abbr.)

33 Disciple
35 Nickel symbol
36 Sphere of action
38 Grease
39 Cozy place
40 Street (abbr.)
41 Madame (abbr.)
42 Work table
43 Article
45 Female deer
46 Pop top
47 Sun god
48 Hawaiian food
49 Fleet of warships
52 Medicinal plant
54 India outer garment
56 Blacktop substance
57 East U.S. state (abbr.)
58 British streetcar
59 Ever (poetic)

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